

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (previously amended)

1. A carrier comprising

a central support structure having a pair of vertical panels,

a pair of foldable receptacles, each secured to one of said vertical panels,

said receptacles each comprising a vertical side-wall structure and a transverse support panel having a first edge, an opposite edge and two side edges, said transverse support panel being foldably secured at said first edge to one of said vertical panel and said vertical side-wall structure,

said transverse support panel having the size and shape to fit into and engage said vertical side-wall structure when both said vertical side-wall structure and said transverse support panel are either partially or fully unfolded so as to hold said side-wall structure and said carrier open, and a pair of structures for automatically moving each of said transverse support panels into one of said receptacles when said side wall structures are unfolded,

a pair of holding structures each formed underneath one of said transverse support panels when said carrier is

unfolded for holding said transverse support panel relative to said side-wall structure to support a load, and

a pair of barrier structures each located in one of said receptacles for dividing said receptacle into at least two compartments.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously amended)

3. A carrier as in Claim 1, in which each of said barrier structures is selectively foldable, separately from the unfolding of said carrier, to a first position in which it forms a divider to divide said receptacle into separate compartments, and to a second position in which it is out of the way and leaves the receptacle undivided.

Claim 4 (previously amended)

4. A carrier as in Claim 3 in which each of said barrier structures includes a foldable cut-out section from one of said vertical panels, joined with a cut-out section from said transverse support panel so that said barrier structure, when folded to said first position, forms a generally L-shaped barrier between said compartments and has an upper side edge serving as a barrier to the sideways movement of a relatively tall object out of one of said compartments.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (previously amended)

6. A carrier as in Claim 3 in which said barrier structure is selected from the group consisting of; a single element selectively forming a side barrier for each of two adjacent compartments; and two separate elements, each selectively forming a side barrier for one of said compartments.

Claim 7 (previously amended)

7. A carrier as in Claim 1 in which each of said vertical panels has an upper edge, said vertical panels being hinged together only at said upper edges.

Claim 8 (currently amended)

8. A carrier as in Claim 1 in which each of said side wall structures includes a side wall spaced from and parallel to one of said vertical panels and said transverse support panel spans substantially the entire distance between said one vertical panel and aid parallel side wall.

Claim 9 (previously amended)

9. A carrier as in Claim 1 in which each of said side wall structures includes three side walls hinged together end-to-end and having upper and lower edges, each of said vertical panels also having upper and lower edges and said holding structure includes foldable flanges comprising extensions from said lower edges of each of said side walls and

one of said vertical panels, said flanges being selectively secured together to form a bottom structure for said receptacle.

Claim 10 (previously amended)

10. A carrier as in Claim 9 in which, in each of said receptacles, said transverse support panel is secured to an adjacent one of said flanges at one corner of said bottom structure, and two other adjacent ones of said flanges are secured to one another at the opposite corner of said bottom structure, said flanges being folded diagonally at said corners when said carrier is folded.

Claim 11 (previously amended)

11. A carrier comprising

a central support structure having a pair of vertical panels,

a pair of foldable receptacles, each secured to one of said vertical panels,

said receptacles each comprising a vertical side-wall structure and a transverse support panel having a first edge, an opposite edge and two side edges, said transverse support panel being foldably secured at said first edge to one of said vertical panel and said vertical side-wall structure,

said transverse support panel having the size and shape to fit into and engage said vertical side-wall structure

when both said vertical side-wall structure and said transverse support panel are either partially or fully unfolded so as to hold said side-wall structure and said carrier open, and a pair of structures for automatically moving each of said transverse support panels into one of said receptacles when said side wall structure is unfolded,

a pair of holding structures each formed underneath one of said transverse support panels when said carrier is unfolded for holding said transverse support panel relative to said side-wall structure to support a load, and

a tab extending from one of said side edges of each of said transverse support panels to engage one wall of each of said side wall structures.

Claim 12 (previously amended)

12. A carrier as in Claim 11 in which one side wall of said side wall structure in each of said receptacles bears against said one side edge of said transverse support panel during unfolding of said carrier, and including an opening in said one side wall, said opening being positioned and dimensioned to receive said tab during its movement while unfolding and thereby help hold said transverse support panel in a position to help hold said carrier receptacles open.

Claim 13 (previously amended)

13. A carrier as in Claim 11 in which each of said side wall structures includes three side walls hinged together end-to-end and having upper and lower edges, each of said vertical panels also having upper and lower edges, and said holding structure includes foldable flanges comprising extensions from said lower edges of each of said side walls and one of said vertical panels, said flanges being selectively secured together to form a bottom structure for said receptacle.

Claim 14 (previously amended)

14. A carrier as in Claim 13 in which in each of said receptacles, said transverse support panel is secured to an adjacent one of said flanges at one corner of said bottom structure, and two other adjacent ones of said flanges are secured to one another at the opposite corner of said bottom structure, said flanges being folded diagonally at said corners when said carrier is folded.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (cancelled)

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Claim 31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (canceled)

Claim 33 (canceled)

Claim 34 (canceled)